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Subject: Land Team New News - 7/7/16

Land news stories for today. I think these are mostly FYI items and not major stories to pass up the chain. I have included several PFAS articles, which, although they deal mainly with water contamination, should have cross-cutting interest.

TSCA REFORM

- [TSCA Reform Law Could Set New Precedents For Environmental Statutes](#)

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reform law could set significant new precedents for environmental laws, observers say, because it contains novel provisions unlike those in other landmark laws such as the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act -- including a new approach to state preemption and how to review some human health risks.

IRIS – BENZO(A)PYRENE

- [IRIS Managers Seek To Strengthen Novel Dermal BaP Cancer Risk Estimate](#)

Managers of EPA's influential risk analysis program are seeking additional expertise on how to strengthen their draft risk analysis of benzo(a)pyrene (BaP), particularly its novel skin cancer risk estimate, but one expert who has reviewed the draft is suggesting the agency just needs to better support its dose metric rather than change that piece of the analysis.

PESTICIDES

- [EPA Wins Another Pesticide Lawsuit](#)

For the second time in a number of days, a federal court sides with the EPA in a lawsuit over its regulation of pesticides. The EPA is not required to establish no-spray buffer zones around schools, day care centers and elsewhere to protect children from pesticide exposure, according to a ruling from a panel of judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

- [UM researchers find lack of government accountability on widespread herbicide use on public land](#)

Herbicides have been widely used on public lands in North America to kill non-native and invasive plants for decades. But a new report raises serious questions about whether taxpayers are footing a significant bill for a widespread but not widely known land management practice that may be causing more harm than good.

PFAS

- [Dupont, Chemours Lose Again in Teflon Chemical Suit](#)

DuPont Co. is found liable for a man's testicular cancer in the second suit to go to trial in 3,500 lawsuits over a toxic Teflon chemical found in Ohio and West Virginia waters. A jury in Columbus, Ohio, returns its verdict after less than a day of deliberation, finding DuPont responsible for negligence and \$5.1 million in associated damages.

- [House Committee to EPA, N.Y.: Send Hoosick PFOA Papers](#)

The House Oversight Committee begins investigating federal, state and county officials' responses to Hoosick Falls, N.Y., water contamination—water with elevated levels of a potentially carcinogenic chemical. Officials responded too slowly to perfluorooctanoic acid contamination in the village's drinking water, and residents may have been more exposed because of the delays.

- [Elevated cancer rates found south of Colorado Springs where water supplies contain toxic chemicals](#)

State health officials found elevated cancer rates among residents of an area south of Colorado Springs where public water supplies contain toxic chemicals at levels exceeding EPA health limits, but emphasized in a preliminary health assessment that there's no established link between these perfluorinated chemicals and elevated kidney, lung and bladder cancer documented there.

- [Air Force to filter water in Colorado towns for contaminant](#)

The military will pay \$4.3 million for filters in public water systems outside Colorado Springs and is speeding up its investigation into whether potentially harmful chemicals in the water came from Peterson Air Force Base. The Air Force

announced the steps after a preliminary review showed that firefighting foam used in training exercises may be the source of perfluorinated contaminants.

INTERNATIONAL

- Japan to Require 18 Chemicals to Be Listed as Health Risks

Japan will require 18 chemicals to be evaluated as potential risks under the country's occupational safety law in an effort to prevent potential worker exposure to substances suspected of being carcinogenic or having endocrine-disrupting or nerve-damaging properties, the Health Ministry says.

- Environmental groups sue over federal permits for neonics

The federal government is being taken to court for approving the use of neonicotinoid pesticides that have been blamed for the “catastrophic” decline of some bee populations in Canada.

- Sweden bans BPA in water pipe linings

Sweden has announced it is banning the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in epoxy resins in water pipe linings.

ZIKA

- US urges aerial spraying amid jump in Puerto Rico Zika cases

As many as 50 pregnant women in Puerto Rico are becoming infected with Zika every day, top U.S. health officials said Wednesday as they urged Puerto Rico to strongly consider aerial spraying to prevent further spread of the mosquito-borne virus. The warning came as PR debates whether to fumigate with the insecticide Naled, a proposal that has sparked protests in the U.S. territory over concerns about its impact on human health and wildlife.